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CAIRO FOR USDAO, RPT MIL ADDEES AS APPROPRIATE

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, MILI, EG, UR
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DELIVERY OF MILITARY CARGO TO EGYPT BY SOVIET SHIP

REF: CAIRO USDAO 061317Z AUG 77 (NOTAL)

1. SUBJECT SOVIET VESSEL REFTEL, NAME GIVEN AS "SKVORTSOV STEPANOV" BY REFTEL SOURCE AND LOCAL PRESS, IS CARRIED AS "SVORTSOV-STEPANOV" BY 1977 RECORD OF AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING AND WEEKLY LLOYD'S SHIPPING INDEX. JULY 22 INDEX STILL SHOWS LAST REPORT ON SVORTSOV-STEPANOV AS DEPARTING ALEXANDRIA JUNE 8 BOUND FOR ODESSA.

2. CONGEN SPOTTED SHIP AT MILITARY QUAY (BERTH 47) SOON AFTER ARRIVAL 16 JULY 1977. SHE DEPARTED 2 AUGUST 1977.

3. ACCESS TO MILITARY QUAY IS FIFTY YARDS FROM MAIN EAST/WEST ROAD INSIDE PORT, WHERE GUARDED ENTRANCE DENOTES BEGINNING OF MILITARY ZONE. BERTH 47 IS AT FAR END OF QUAY AND MAKING OUT NAMES OF VESSELS ESPECIALLY BLACK CYRILLIC LETTERS ON GREY PAINT OF BOW) IS DIFFICULT TO
DO DRIVING DISCREETLY BY. SVORTSOV-STEPANOV WAS DEDUCED WHEN NAME APPEARED IN SHIPPING NEWS (UNUSUAL FOR VESSELS WITH MILITARY CARGOS). SOVIET SHIP IN SAME BERTH LEAVING DAY BEFORE THIS VESSEL WAS NOT REPORTED UPON DEPARTURE. NAME WAS FOUR LETTER WORD FOLLOWED BY ABOUT
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TEN LETTER WORD.

4. CONGEN PASSED AREA (ON MAIN ROAD) ALMOST EVERY DAY. WE IDENTIFIED MUCH OF CARGO, WHICH WAS BEING DEPOSITED OUTSIDE MILITARY ZONE, AS LARGE DIAMETER PIPES AND CRATES POSSIBLY HOLDING MACHINERY, DESTINED FOR "EL TABBIN GENERATING PLANT"(EL TABBIN IS JUST SOUTH OF HELWAN, TWENTY MILES BELOW CAIRO).

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5. IT POSSIBLE PART OF CARGO WAS MILITARY SUPPLIES, BUT FREQUENT
DAYLIGHT RECONNIASANCE SHOWED ONLY ABOVE TYPE MATERIAL.

6. ARMED GUARDS(PARA C REFTEL) ALWAYS IN EVIDENCE AT MILITARY QUAY.
"JOKING IN ARABIC" THAT CARGO WAS AMMUNITION AND SPARE PARTS MAY HAVE
BEEN JUST THAT--BITTER JOKE THAT RUSSIA IS SENDING NONE. FREQUENT
USE OF MILITARY QUAY FOR NON-MILITARY GOODS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR SOME
RAIL TRANSPORT REQUIREMENT, NORMAL EGYPTIAN ARMY USE FOR OTHER CARGO
THAN WEAPONRY COULD ACCOUNT FOR MORE (AN EGYPTIAN FREIGHTER HAS BEEN
LYING AT BERTH 46, NEARER ROAD, FOR SOME WEEKS).
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